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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR MANY READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week in a Condensed Form.

Money scarcity in England continues.

The president will call an extra session.

The end of the Boer war is not in sight.

Severe cold weather prevails throughout Europe.

A 13-inch gun exploded on the battleship Kearsarge.

An Englishman's letter created a sensation in Manila.

Five rebel officers and 20 men were captured near Manila.

Civil government was established in Pangasinan province.

All the volunteers will be home from the Philippines by June 30.

The czar is suspicious of Emperor William's doings in England.

Appropriation bills have the right of way in the house this week.

Russia has imposed an increased tariff on imports from America.

The senate will practically devote this week to appropriation bills.

Louisiana mob hanged a negro who killed a white man and his family.

Six persons were killed and as many seriously injured in a train wreck in Nevada.

Nine prisoners in the Spokane county jail overpowered the jailer and escaped.

Official list of the victims of the Union mine accident places the number at 64.

One regiment and a portion of two others will be mustered out at Vancouver, Wash.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the colonial tour of the Duke of Cornwall and York.

Two Bridal Veil, Or., factories and the O. R. & N. railroad bridge were damaged by the breaking of a drift jam.

Danish government has broken off negotiations with the United States regarding the sale of Danish West Indies.

Colonel W. T. Hart, a well-known Western promoter, committed suicide by jumping from a moving train into the Snake river.

To hasten peace negotiations, Von Waldersee has planned an 80-day expedition and asks American and French to co-operate with the Germans.

The Jeffries-Rublin fight is postponed.

Another insurgent band has been broken up.

A state of siege has been proclaimed at Madrid.

Guns were used in a saloon raid at Winfield, Kan.

Pet Dewet is at the Cape trying to bring about peace.

Civil government has been established in Pangasinan province.

General Davis will conduct the Carranza investigation.

Charles M. Schwab is to be president of the new Morgan steel company.

An address of loyalty from the city of London was presented to King Edward.

The headless and mutilated body of a man was found in the rear of a Columbus, O., saloon.

Pensions for Oregon Indian veterans has been left out of the substitute bill in congress.

The ameer of Afghanistan has written an extremely sympathetic letter to Lord Curzon on the occasion of the death of the queen.

Otto W. Meyenberg, formerly president of the Wells & French Car Company, of Chicago, is dead at his country home, Alma Seta, Cal., at the age of 52 years.

Frank Crawford, aged 16, was shot and instantly killed by his brother Charley, aged 14 years, at Hallsburg, W. Va. Frank objected to Charley going out hunting.

From an ash barrel that had been consigned to a dump at Plainfield, N. J., Colonel Julian Scott, the well-known artist, has rescued a death mask of Napoleon.

Margie McClure, convicted of assisting in the wreck of the Rutland, Vt., Merchants' National Bank, was sentenced to seven years in the county house of correction.

Fire in the five-story block in Boston occupied by William H. Blood & Co., shawls, cloaks, etc.; Greed & Co., linings, and M. H. Pulaski & Co., embroideries, caused a loss of \$150,000.

Queen Victoria had 78 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lord Roberts is the first man ever entitled to wear the Garter, the Victoria Cross and the order of St. Patrick.

Thirty-five prominent American sculptors will contribute to the embellishment of the grounds and buildings of the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo, N. Y.

## OUR LAWMAKERS.

Doings of Importance at the State Capital—Bills Passed.

### Two Railroad Bills Killed.

The house after spending nearly an other half day in consideration of railroad bills, disposed of two more Wednesday. One of these measures was Poonan's fellow servant bill. It was debated at length, and although even its opponents admitted it had good points, it was defeated by a vote of 31 to 22. The other railroad bill which was disposed of, and which met a similar fate, was the bill of Florida to fix the liability of railroad corporations for injuries. But 19 votes were cast in favor of this bill.

### No Holiday at Salem.

Washington's birthday, February 22, is a legal holiday, but it is not a legislative holiday unless the legislature by specific act chooses to make it so. Inasmuch as Washington's birthday happens this year to fall on the 40th day of the session (the usual day of adjournment) it is probable that business will be proceeded with much as usual. The constitution of the state does not limit the sessions to 40 days, but does limit the total compensation of each member to \$120 at \$3 per day; therefore, few legislators can be expected to be so self-sacrificing as to work long for nothing.

### Bills Passed.

The senate Wednesday passed the following bills: Senate bill 79, to correct the description of the boundary of Wheeler county; senate bill 143, to protect hotel and boarding house keepers; by Hout, regulating street railways in Portland; senate bill 73, to enact the Torrens system of registration of land titles; senate bill 173, to regulate insurance companies; senate bill 81, to provide for the election of road supervisors; senate bill 137, to create the office of county auditor of Multnomah county; senate bill 217, to amend the charter of Sherwood; senate bill 216, to fix the salary of prosecuting attorney in the Seventh judicial district. The house Wednesday passed bills as follows: House bill 27, providing for a uniform system of mine bell signals; house bill 146, making it a crime to remove or interfere with mining location marks; house bill 127, regulating the supply of water for irrigation purposes.

### The Senatorial Vote.

The joint vote for senator Wednesday was: H. W. Corbett, 32; Binger Hermann, 29; George H. Williams, 1; R. D. Inman, Democrat, 26; W. E. Robertson, Democrat, 1; absent, 1.

### License Bill Defeated.

Senate bill 16, for the licensing of stationary engineers and firemen was defeated Monday.

### Woman Suffrage Defeated.

An effort was made in the house Monday to reconsider the vote by which senate joint resolution 71, for woman suffrage, was defeated. The vote for reconsideration was lost, 28 to 21.

### Law Without Governor's Signature.

Governor Geer Monday filed the barber Sunday closing bill without his signature, thus completing the proceedings necessary to make it a law. As it bears an emergency clause, it went into effect Monday and will make barbering on next Sunday a crime.

### Passed Both Houses.

The following bills have passed both houses: House bill 2, relative to school libraries; house bill 91, to prohibit barbering on Sunday; house bill 203, appropriation for legislative expenses and deficiencies; senate bill 12, providing for sale of school lands; senate bill 15, exemption of earnings of judgment debtors; senate bill 17, fixing fees of witnesses in Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties in criminal actions; senate bill 95, fixing salary of judge of Clackamas county. Incorporation bills, Sheridan and Whitney.

### Signed by the Governor.

The following bills have been signed by the governor: House bill 3, amending Albany bridge act; house bill 4, appropriating \$45,000 for Oregon agricultural college; house bill 25, appropriating \$47,500 to Oregon state university; house bill 180, for payment of state bounty warrants; house bill 224, relative to Portland tax levy; house bill 257, relinquishing ground to United States for postoffice at Salem; senate bill 8, relative to licenses on state fair grounds. (A law without governor's signature); senate bill 19, to pay expenses of Indian war veterans to Washington; senate bill 59, to submit initiative and referendum; senate bill 104, removing incline at Cascade locks; senate bill 11, to authorize Portland to levy a special tax; incorporation acts for the following places: Roseburg, Canyonville, Silverton, Elgin, Summerville, Baker City, Antelope, Dallas, Sumpter, Myrtle Point, Medford.

### The Vote for Senator.

The vote for senator Monday stood: Corbett 30, George H. Williams 23, William Smith 23, Binger Hermann 6, not voting 1, absent or paired 5.

### Aid for Orphanages.

The house committee on corporations Wednesday rendered a favorable report on the bill by Holcomb providing state aid for all orphan asylums of not to exceed \$10 per annum per inmate.

### Fox Clark Sword Fund.

In the house Wednesday Eddy introduced a concurrent resolution providing for an appropriation of \$262 for the completion of the Captain Clark sword fund.

## MAILED AS FRIENDS

Filipinos Warmly Welcome American Commissioners.

WHEN ON THEIR FIRST TRIP NORTH

Judge Taft and His Associates Have Gone to Bacolor to Organize a Provincial Government—Bulacan Will Next Be Visited

San Fernando, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon, Philippines, Feb. 14.—Bacolor and all the towns adjacent to the railroad, which names are historic on account of the fierce battles of the earlier periods of the American occupation, turned out to welcome the United States Philippine commission as it proceeded northward, on its first trip to organize provincial governments. At every station, including the hamlets where the train did not stop, there were bursts of music from the native bands and cheers for the American commission and the partido federals. The crowd at Malolos, the former seat of the insurgent government, was smaller, in proportion to the population, than at the villages. At all the stops addresses were delivered by the natives, and responses were made by Judge Taft, the president of the commission; Professor Worcester, General Flores, Chief Justice Arellano and Dr. Tavera, president of the Federal party. The natives repeatedly declared the people were beginning to understand the purpose of the Americans, adding that the commission's acts showed its promises would be kept.

Judge Taft told the people of the towns in Bulacan province that a provincial government will shortly be established there. The American party alighted at San Fernando, passed under an arch of welcome and was greeted by the military and hundreds of children waving American flags and singing "Hail Columbia." The entire American party was then driven to Bacolor, capital of the province of Pampanga, where they will be cordially entertained tomorrow, and until applying the provincial government to Pampanga, there will be a public discussion of the laws enacted. General Grant received information that a band of Talaro insurgents is approaching for the purpose of harassing the people of Bacolor. He has sent scouts out after them.

### UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.

Eight Officers and Seventy Men Give Up the Fight.

Manila, Feb. 14.—An insurgent colonel, Simon Teobon, seven insurgent officers and 70 men, with 60 guns, have surrendered unconditionally to Captain Coles, of the Thirty-fifth regiment, at San Miguel de Mayuno. In a fight at Sibuyan, Batangas, the rebel general, Malbas is reported to have been killed. Six insurgent officers and 30 men were captured. Marikina is the scene of an immense peace meeting of the Federal party.

The Women's Peace League met at Judge Taft's house today. Senator Poble attempted to introduce a resolution requiring the release of the imprisoned insurgents. Mrs. Taft and other ladies spoke on a resolution urging the insurgents to surrender. This was adopted instead of Senator Poble's.

### BOILER-MAKER'S GOOD LUCK.

Bonds Nine in North for Quarter of a Million Dollars.

Port Townsend, Wash., Feb. 14.—A mining deal was consummated here today of more than usual interest, owing to the amount involved, and that it transfers a man from the ranks of poverty to affluence. Erick Molander, a boiler maker, of this city, who had invested his earnings in Mount Sioker, B. C., mining property by hiring claims staked for him on extension of Tye and Lenora claims, has bonded his holdings to London and Paris investors for \$250,000. The papers were made out and signed today. Molander last season at Nome, but failed to make his fortune. He returned on the steamer Charles Lane, and when her boilers gave out and the vessel was in danger of swamping, he repaired the boilers so that the steamer, with 300 passengers, reached port in safety, and for which he was presented with \$500.

### Silk Weavers Locked Out.

Seranton, Pa., Feb. 14.—The strike of the 4,000 silk workers in Seranton has resulted in a lockout. The mill owners and managers today declared they will not reopen their mills until the girls are willing to resume at the wages which were offered nearly two weeks ago and in which there was a concession of 25 cents a week to each employee. The strikers are determined to stay out until their demands shall be granted. They have a shed all silk workers in the country for moral and material assistance, requesting them to strike if the mills at which they are employed handle material from the Seranton mills.

### Telegraphed 200 Miles.

London, Feb. 14.—Professor John Fleming, lecturing at Liverpool yesterday, said he had signed Marconi's permission to make the first mention of the fact that on the first day of the reign of King Edward VII Marconi accomplished the astonishing feat of sending wireless messages between St. Catharines, Isle of Wight, and the Lizard, 300 miles. Perfect communication has since been established.

## SPAIN IS AGAIN CALM.

But Martial Law Will Continue Throughout Carnival Week.

Madrid, Feb. 18.—The minister of the interior, Senor Urdarte, in the course of an interview, asserted that calm reigned in the provinces and that if the same pacific behavior of the people continued after the carnival next week, martial law could be discontinued in Madrid and throughout Spain, except in Catalonia. Madrid remains perfectly calm, although the talk of the probable change of ministry after the carnival is very strong.

All the troops have been withdrawn, and the censorship is less vigorous, but no reference to the disorders of the past few days is permitted to appear. All dispatches are now revised and delayed. The streets are now guarded by only the ordinary number of police. The weather is bitterly cold and not conducive to mob manifestations. There is not the slightest foundation for the statement circulated in the United States, on the authority of a news agency that the government had placed restrictions on the sending of messages regarding the royal wedding. Two persons were killed and several others wounded yesterday at Grenada. The count and countess of Caserta arrived at Hendaya, France, today. They met with no special incident en route and continued the journey to Nice.

### Cause of Disturbances.

New York, Feb. 18.—A special to the Times from Washington says:

The disturbances which General Weyler is now trying to quell, are not, it is said by persons familiar with the situation, of either Carlist or Republican origin, although both parties are no doubt active in trying to take advantage of the trouble. It is declared that the uprising is in reality an outbreak of the discontented. Those taking part in it comprise all classes of malcontents, and its causes are like those which brought about the French revolution.

Poverty has been increasing, the burden of taxation has been growing heavier, and the laboring classes are ripe for revolution. At the same time the ruling dynasty is unpopular. All these complications and a number of others have brought about a widespread feeling of unrest, and great events are looked for in Spain unless the incipient revolution is quelled. Spain has been tending toward a rebellion for some time.

### HARD LABOR FOR LIFE.

Sentence to the Rebel Officers Who Captured the Yorktown Party.

Washington, Feb. 18.—According to mail advices from the Philippines, Captain Novicio, the insurgent officer who commanded the band which captured Lieutenant Gilmore and party, has been sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for life, on the charges of having permitted one of Gilmore's party to be buried alive. The victim was a sailor named McDonald.

### Surrender in Bulacan District.

Washington, Feb. 18.—News of another important surrender in the Philippines is contained in the following dispatch received at the war department from General MacArthur: "Manila, Feb. 18.—Adjutant-General, Washington.—One hundred and twelve rifles and 1,500 rounds of ammunition surrendered at Hagayan, Feb. 18, mostly from supply secreted in continuous swamps. The incident is important, and indicates a great reaction favorable to American interests in region of Bulacan, heretofore one of the worst in Luzon. The result is accomplished exclusively by the long continued, intelligent and persistent efforts of officers of the Third Infantry."

### Engagements With Insurgents.

Manila, Feb. 18.—Colonel Cronin, and 80 of the Thirty-third regiment have located 100 insurgents at Candan, South Ilocos. Captain Green with 50 men, met a force of the enemy at Santa Maria. The insurgents, who were commanded by Tino, hid behind stone walls on a steep mountainside. There was hard fighting for three hours. Then Tino abandoned his position and retreated southward.

Gold discoveries of some importance have been made in the province of Lepanto.

### Car Jumped the Track.

Pittsburg, Feb. 18.—A car on the Hamilton line jumped the track to night, at the corner of Sixth and Hamilton avenue, and toppled over against the curb completely wrecking the car and injuring 20 or more passengers four of them severely.

### To Stop Cane Rushes.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 16.—The Yale faculty has abolished the time-honored custom of granting a holiday to the undergraduates on Washington's birthday. The action of the faculty has excited much discussion among the undergraduates, and an attempt will be made to have the day restored. February 22 is annually the date when the Yale sophomores wear high hats and carry canes for the first time, and when the freshmen "rush" the sophomores and "take" the fence.

### Defenses for Port Orchard Dock.

Tacoma, Feb. 18.—The work of laying mines and torpedoes about the entrance to the Port Orchard drydock is soon to begin. A shipment of five cars of mushroom anchors has been received by the quartermaster's department, consigned to the United States engineer by the ordnance department of the army. They are to be used to sink down the gunboat mines and torpedoes.

## IS IN CAPE COLONY

Dewet Engaged a British Force Near Philippstown.

CROSSED ORANGE RIVER AT SAND DRIFT

The Inniskillings Charged the Enemy Who Left Five Killed and Six Wounded—Ten Boers Were Captured.

London, Feb. 16.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener:

"Pretoria, Feb. 15.—Our troops are now engaged with Christian Dewet's force north of Philippstown, which we hold. Dewet having crossed the Orange river at Sand Drift, apparently moving west.

"French, reporting from a point 25 miles southeast of Ermelo, states that a large force of the enemy is being driven on the Pretoria, their efforts to break back having so far been frustrated. The Inniskillings charged the enemy, who left five killed and six wounded on the ground. Ten Boers were captured, and there was a large capture of wagons, carts and cattle. Our casualties were one killed and five wounded."

The Evening News prints a dispatch from Cape Town, dated Thursday, February 14, which says:

"The government here is advised that Christian Dewet and ex-President Steyn entered Cape Colony and occupied Philippstown. The British attacked them yesterday and drove them out of the town with loss."

Cape Town, Feb. 16.—A Boer commando crossed the Orange river yesterday, in the Philippstown district. It is reported that Dewet was in command. Van Wykvel was occupied Monday by 300 Boers who were retreating from Calvinia. The Boers are reported in force 24 miles west of Carnarvon. A Boer convoy of 65 wagons and 45 prisoners has been captured north of Amsterdam.

### Boers Near Cape Town.

London, Feb. 16.—It is reported from Cape Town that the wife of Commandant Botha left Pretoria with a military escort to endeavor to get her husband to surrender.

The Boers tried unsuccessfully to destroy a culvert near Cape Town. Severe fighting ensued, the Boers leaving three killed and 23 wounded. The British lost one killed and two wounded.

### Boers Worsted at Aberdeen.

Cape Town, Feb. 16.—Fighting is reported to have taken place near Aberdeen Friday and Saturday last, the Boers being worsted.

### CHICAGO HOTEL FIRES.

Attempts Were Made to Burn Four Structures—Robbery During the Excitement.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Flames were started simultaneously on four floors of the Palmer House this afternoon, and 45 minutes later were discovered on two floors in the Great Northern hotel. Two men supposed to be hotel thieves were seen to run from the Palmer house. During the excitement, \$500 worth of jewelry was stolen from one of the rooms of the Great Northern. About the same time, a blaze of light was discovered in the Sherman house. Another fire of suspicious origin had been discovered only 24 hours before. The fire convinced the police that an organized gang of incendiaries is operating in Chicago. Good descriptions have been secured of the two men who were seen running from the Palmer house, and a number of detectives are at work on the case. The four fires, with the circumstances attending them, were:

Palmer House—Four fires started simultaneously in baskets of linen on different floors. Towels saturated with kerosene were found. The fire was extinguished by guests and employees. Two suspects were seen, but allowed to escape. Damage nominal.

Great Northern Hotel—Simultaneous fires were discovered on the H and J floors. Odor of kerosene on H floor. J. S. Frost, of New York, reported that \$500 worth of jewelry had been stolen from his room. Damage of \$1,500 by fire and small panic among the guests.

Sherman House—The blaze was on the upper floor and was attended with little commotion. Damage, \$100.

Hotel Grace—Fire of suspicious origin discovered in a linen closet. Damage nominal.

The most dangerous fire in the Palmer house was on the fifth floor. It was extinguished at personal risk by John M. McWilliams, Jr., a senior at Princeton university. The police agree that all the fires were incendiary and tonight every important downtown hotel is guarded by a detail of officers in plain clothes, watching for the men suspected of having started the fires. These officers, as well as the hotel managers, have the theory that the blaze was started by some discharged hotel employee who wished to satisfy his grudge and was able to do so through his intimate knowledge of opportunities.

### Robbed of \$3,000 Worth of Jewelry.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—Mrs. F. H. Osgood, of Seattle, who arrived in this city on the Oregon express this morning, has reported to the police and railway officials that she was robbed during last night of \$3,000 worth of jewelry. She stated that the gems were in a leather bag which she suspended from her neck, but that they were taken while she was sleeping. The police officers have arrested a man on suspicion.

## SIX WERE KILLED.

Five Passengers and Fireman on Wrecked Train—As Many Seriously Injured.

Winnemucca, Nev., Feb. 19.—The eastbound overland limited Southern Pacific train, officially known as No. 2, was wrecked at 5:20 o'clock yesterday morning at a point 27 miles west of this place, while running at a speed of 50 miles an hour, the train went into a washed out culvert, and the result was the worst wreck known on this division of the road. Six persons were killed and six injured.

The disaster occurred at a point where an embankment 8 feet high crosses a ravine. Melting snow from the mountains caused a heavy rush of water which broke through the embankment some time during the night. The washout was about 75 feet in width, and into the raging torrent the ill-fated train plunged without warning. The engine nearly cleared the break before the rails gave way, the tender falling back. The mail car and composite car followed into the chasm, the composite car telescoping the first of the Pullman sleepers nearly half its length.

Two sleepers and the dining car remained on the track. The bodies of two men, evidently tramps, who were stealing a ride, are in the wreckage.

Train No. 4, the eastbound express, was following the limited train very closely, and the rear brakeman of the latter had only a few minutes in which to flag No. 4 and prevent a rear end collision.

At 7:20 A. M. a special train left this place for the scene of the wreck, carrying doctors and nurses, and the injured were given every attention possible, being taken to the hotel at Mill City, the nearest station. The dead and injured were later taken back to Wadsworth on a special train, and will be carried on to San Francisco.

It will be two or three days before the track can be put in condition so that the running of trains may be resumed. It will be necessary first to build a trestle across the chasm in which the wrecked cars are lying.

### OVERPOWERED THE JAILER.

Nine Prisoners in the Spokane County Jail Escape—Officer Gave Pursuit.

Spokane, Feb. 19.—Arthur Spencer, of San Francisco, charged with impersonating a United States officer, and eight other prisoners overpowered Jailer Thompson in the Spokane county jail this morning and are now at large. Thompson says he was seized from behind by prisoners who were hiding behind a door, was beaten in a moment, robbed of keys and revolver and gagged to prevent an outcry. When the jailer got loose he took a Winchester and went out to look for the escaped men. He spied a citizen who, frightened by the jailer's appearance, started to run. The jailer gave pursuit and began to shoot at the man, who finally was rescued by a jury out for an airing.

Poses have been sent out everywhere, but not one of the jail breakers has been sighted.

### NEGRO WAS LYNCHED.

Killed a Man and His Family and Ransacked the House.

New Orleans, Feb. 19.—Thomas Jackson, a Negro, was lynched today at St. Peter, 20 miles above this city, for a series of crimes. This morning he visited the home of Alexander Bourgeois, the engineer of the drainage machine on Bellepoint plantation, some distance from the plantation quarters. He told Bourgeois the manager wanted him, and the engineer mounted the tricycle with the Negro. Jackson stabbed the engineer in the back and threw the body into a ditch. He then returned to the house and butchered Mrs. Bourgeois and her two babies and ransacked the house. Two boys visiting the family hid in the woods. After the negro's departure the boys went to St. Peter and gave the alarm, returning with a mob of several hundred men. The negro was tracked to his home and fully identified by the boys. He was hanged and his body riddled with bullets before the sheriff arrived.

### Composer Nevins Dead.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 19.—Ethelbert Nevins, musician and composer, died suddenly here today of heart disease. Mr. Nevins came to New Haven about five weeks ago to be associated with professor Parker, of Yale university, in his musical work. Ethelbert Nevins was born in New Haven, Pa., in 1863. As a composer, Mr. Nevins attained a name hardly second to any musician, and his songs are known throughout the continents. Among these are "The Rosary," "Narcissus," "Good Night," "Good Night, Beloved," and an arrangement of Heine's "The Hidden Roseleaf."

### Mexican Troops Defeated Indians.

Mexico City, Feb. 19.—The federal troops had another engagement with Maya Indians yesterday, and the troops turned their flank and drove them from all their fortified places. The new Mauser rifles are found to be extremely effective against the enemy.

### Three Suicides in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Suicides were epidemic in this city today. Three men suffering from despondency took their lives. A Lewis, a shoemaker in ill health, ended his life troubles by asphyxiation. Robert McKenna, a painter, quarreled with his wife and swallowed a dose of arsenic. A Moeller, a baker, who grieved over the death of a son, who was killed in the terrible football accident last Thanksgiving, took carbolic acid.

## IN A DEATH TRAP

Sixty-Five Miners Are Entombed—No Hope for Them.

CAUSED BY AN EXPLOSION OF GAS

Only Exit is the Mouth of the Shaft, Which is Filled With a Huge Volume of Smoke—Relief Measures Have Begun.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 18.—Sixty-five miners are imprisoned in No. 6 shaft of the Cumberland coal mine on Vancouver island. The only exit is the mouth of the shaft which is filled with a huge volume of smoke. There is considered to be no possibility for the unfortunates to escape.

### Details of Disaster Meager.

The Cumberland mine is near the village of Union, about 60 miles north of the town of Nanaimo. The only telegraphic communication from Union is by a single government wire, and little is known of the tragedy in the mine except that a terrible explosion occurred in No. 6 shaft of the Cumberland about 11 o'clock this morning. Following the explosion the shaft caught fire, and the 65 miners who were working half a mile from the entrance were caught in a death trap. A relief party from No. 6 shaft made a brave but futile attempt at a rescue. They were headed off by the fire and could not reach the imprisoned men. The attempt at rescue was made through No. 5 shaft, but the flames prevented any development of the perilous venture.

The Cumberland mine is one of the properties of the Union Colliery Company, situated near Comox and reached from Union bay by the private colliery railway crossing the Trans river on which the memorable bridge disaster occurred a year or two ago. It has been singularly fortunate heretofore in immunity from disaster and was counted an especially safe mine to work in by reason of the character of the formation in which the coal is found there, and the manner in which it had been opened up. No. 6 shaft, the scene of the disaster, was bottomed in October, 1898, at a depth of 814 feet. It is well constructed and timbered with a mud wall, the pit bottom being timber